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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

TERRY FARLEY, R.N. LICENSE # NO 10569400

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent, while employed at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in July of 2013, did not detect an infiltration injury while caring for a premature infant (34 weeks gestation) in the NICU. Respondent acknowledged that when the infant's IV site looked "puffy," she caused a new IV to be inserted in the infant at 1:15 p.m., and then became involved in caring for another baby assigned to her.

She claimed she next checked the IV site at approximately 2:30 p.m., worked through lunch, and then took a break at approximately 3:45 p.m. A nurse who was covering for her checked the IV site at 4:00 p.m., noted that there was infiltration and the left foot was swollen, and contacted her. At that time, there was a burn in the area of infiltration. A review of the EHR (Electronic Health Records) indicated that respondent had pre-charted at 3:05 p.m. that the IV site was "OK" at 4:00 p.m.

According to respondent, it was her usual practice to check the NICU babies' IV sites hourly. She maintained that the precharting of the IV status was not an attempt at falsification, as the EHR would automatically reject precharted entries which were more than one hour early, and she wrote a thorough note in the narrative section of the record, which she believed superseded what she had previously entered.

The Board finds that pre-charting, regardless of respondent's intent, constitutes misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without admissions and without further proceedings, respondent waiving any right to a hearing, and the Board finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
- Respondent shall, within six months, document completion of a Board-approved course in the care of neonates.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Consent as to form and entry:

Kathleen M. Gialanella, Esq. Attorney for respondent